



# AHCCCS NPI - HIPAA Consortium

**2/21/2007**

**3:00 – 4:00 PM**

**AHCCCS - Gold Room**

**Facilitator:** Lori Petre

**Attendees:** AHCCCS Staff, ADHS BHS and CRS, DES DDD and CMDP,  
Health Plans, and Program Contractors

## ----- Agenda Topics -----

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| I. Welcome   |                   |
| II. Overall NPI Status Updates                                     | Lori Petre        |
| III. NPI and Standards Body Activities                             | Mary Kay McDaniel |
| IV. NPI Provider Registration Updates                              | Valerie Noor      |
| V. Open Forum/Submitted Questions                                  | Mary Kay/Lori     |
| VI. Future Meetings ( <i>Frequency; Meeting topics; Invitees</i> ) | All               |

## -----Submitted Questions-----

- Should a health plan/program contractor provide NPI numbers of other contracted providers? We had this request from a nursing facility because it would benefit them in billing Medicare. They are required to use the NPI for referring physician.
- Does AHCCCS accept any other documentation from providers of their NPI, other than the statement from the NPI enumerator? We have providers faxing personalized notices.
- Since submission of NPI is now mandatory, it is unclear what causes the encounter to pend.  
  
Will it pend if it does not have a NPI, but neither does AHCCCS?  
Will it pend if it contains a NPI, but AHCCCS does not have a NPI?  
Will it pend if the encounter contains a NPI, but the NPI is different than AHCCCS has?
- In an NPI test file it was noted that a PO Box in the Service Address was allowed on an encounter file. When will the PO Box Service Address restriction edit be implemented at AHCCCS?
- In multiple test encounters that were submitted without an attending physician NPI, the encounters did not pend for error code U006 - Attending Provider NPI Is Missing Or Invalid. Is this edit in place and if so, under what conditions?
- If a provider in the AHCCCS provider file has an NPI where the begin date and end date are equal, is that a "back-out"?
- If a provider in the AHCCCS provider file has an NPI with a term date in the past, does that mean it would not be active for NPI reporting? For this particular provider, there is another provider with that same NPI who has a begin date before this provider and is open ended.
- Since there have been delays and problems with the AHCCCS test cycles for NPI testing, will the deadline for encounter NPI testing be moved back?